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United Church

2:30 p.m. Sunday school and adult bible class. No one is too old to attend Sunday School.
7:30 p.m.—Regular evening worship. Bright song service. Strangers welcome.
Choir practice on Friday night at Mrs. Hall's.

Swift Current City Hall Destroyed by Fire

The city hall of Swift Current was completely gutted by fire at 1:30 a.m., January 10. J. H. Andrich, a prisoner in the police cells lost his life in the flames. The fire apparently followed a gas explosion in the boiler room. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

Bachelors Spend Merry Time

A very enjoyable social evening was held at the Bachelors' Club on Friday evening last. Several of the members are expecting to leave our town shortly, and the occasion was in the form of a farewell to these members. The early part of the evening was spent in card playing—progressive five hundred. Miss Inez Clark, was successful in winning the lady's prize and Mr. Shier Weir the gentlemen's prize.

A tasty luncheon had been prepared by the hostess, Mrs. W. Clark assisted by Miss G. Jablonski, which was thoroughly enjoyed by members and guests. Dancing was then indulged in, Messrs. Rosenbury and P. Brodie rendering guitar music. Messrs. Gillespie, Chapman, Weir and Hamilton, as a quartette, rendered vocal choruses of popular old-time songs. Those present were:

Mr. and Mrs. W. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. J. Williamson, Misses E. Brown, Berenice Stewart, V. Ellis, Eva and Inez Clark, Perdita York, "Betty" Lawson, A. Robb, G. Jablonski, Marie and Lucille Lambert, Messrs. E. J. Chapman, McDairmid, Hugh and P. Brodie, Rosenbury, J. Hamilton, J. A. Toumba, Gillespie, A. Hankin, L. Spierling, R. Best, D. Lush, S. Weir, N. S. King, Ed. Hayes, W. Noble.

Financial Statement of Union Church Christmas Entertainment

The following is a statement of finances received and disbursed in connection with the Union Church Christmas Entertainment held December 22, 1920.

Receipts:	
Receipts at door	45 25
Donation, friend	5 00
Enid from S.S.	
Fund	25
	50 50
Expenditures—	
Paid for hall	25 00
Candles, oranges and putting for bags	25 50
	50 50

CLEVELAND

The Ladies Altar Society of St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, held their first annual Social and Entertainment on New Year's Eve at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Frenzel. The evening proved a great success, and was thoroughly enjoyed by old and young. The following program was given by the young people mentioned:

"New Year's Eve" by Florence Pawlak.

"Girl, first time on stage," Bertha Kluczy.

"My Brother is Acting You," Sophie Machura.

"Beauty Oshiv," song, Florence Pawlak.

"Mrs. Mouse Wedding," song, Bole Pawlak.

"The Recitation by the Lad," Harry Pawlak.

"Edith Helps Things Along," Genevieve Frenzel.

"Travelling Around the World," Mr. Hunt.

"That Polish Girl of Mine," Stanley Pawlak.

At midnight a tableau was presented: Stanley Pawlak representing, "Old Father Time," and little Beatrice Frenzel represented, "The New Year, 1921." A very appetizing lunch was then served, after which the entertainment was continued until daybreak.

The Society thank the gentlemen for their liberal bids on the pie and everyone who attended the social. Thanks are also extended to Mrs. N. Skaynick, J. G. Kluczy and Thomas Jablonski for furnishing the music.

GLEVANNAH

(Received too late for last week)

On Wednesday, December 22, the U.F.A. held their first Christmas Tree at the residence of Mr. Chas. Herman's, which proved a great success. The tree was loaded with presents for the children and many of the adults shared in the good things, and everybody was happy. E. J. Nielson took the part of Santa Claus and enjoyed it as much as the children. After everybody had received their gifts from the tree, a splendid entertainment was presented by the members of the Local, which was demonstrated to the

large audience in an able manner.

E. J. Nielson was appointed chairman. The program was opened by a chorus. Next came a dialogue entitled, "Hard Bent Wages," by C. B. Arneson, G. B. Harrison and Mr. Howe, the audience being kept in laughter throughout the piece. The duet by Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, entitled, "No Sir," was very pleasing, and proved that Mr. Harrison has learned in a very short time how to round difficulties with the ladies. The tableau presented by Mr. Fox showed that he knew how to pick out a good wife. Bob Gilmore made a big hit with his popular songs. Mr. Howe gave a recitation in a very pleasing and satisfactory manner. The duet by Mr. Arneson and Mrs. Doig was received by the audience with thunderous applause. Mrs. Newton gave a recitation, and deserves much credit for the able manner in which she recited it. Mrs. Harrison gave a song and was heartily applauded and encouraged.

The children also took part in the entertainment, and gave the audience a good idea of their capabilities. Among their part of the program were: song, by Marjorie Fox, recitation by Olive Howe, also a recitation by Muriel Howe. The Jazz band, which consists of eight pieces closed the first part. The second part was opened by the Whizz Band Chorus, Mr.

John Thomson, proved himself to be one of Glevannah's stars in rendering a selection of Scotch comic songs.

A recitation by Mrs. T. Herman deserves special mention and was one of the pleasing features of the entertainment. The mandolin solo by Mr. and Mrs. Herman was rendered in perfect and exceptionally pleasing manner. The entertainment was brought to a close with a song by E. J. Nielson. An excellent supper was then served by the ladies, after which the benches were removed and young and old joined in making merry, tripping lightly to the strains of the fiddle until broad daylight.



Taking Stock

It is just as important to take an inventory of one's self as it is of one's business. Ask yourself this question "If during the next five years I save the same amount I already have put by, how much will it be worth in 1926?" Then let our Savings Department aid you in accomplishing the task.

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OF CANADA
Capital, Surplus and Undivided Profits
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The Banks and the Farmers

Having explained in last week's article how the whole subject of Banking is a matter concerned with the jurisdiction of the Dominion Government and Parliament, and how futile those demands which call for action by Provincial Legislatures, attention may be devoted to a brief consideration of some criticisms now being raised against Canada's existing Banking System and Bank Management in general.

Generally being the easiest is usually the most employed form of criticism, and more particularly is this true as regards the periodical attacks levelled at the Canadian banking system. It is hardly ever done so skillfully as this topic reveals a reasonably accurate elementary understanding of the subject, or evince an attempt at portraying plain truth and justice.

Recently a misleading and unfair article of this calibre found its way into print. In this it was indicated that hardship was being inflicted on farmers this fall through the refusal of some banks to grant renewals of notes where there were unavoidably necessitated by circumstances, that unreasonable promises of payment had been extracted under pressure from many customers and that the practice was being followed very generally of employing what was described as "clean-up men" as Managers in districts where the financial situation was a difficult one.

It is well understood in banking circles that there are uncertainties and contingencies such as the pressure of important work while the season is favorable, inclement weather, grain blockades and traffic congestions which inevitably regulate and determine the marketing of grain and livestock. Where such good reasons are known or can be shown to exist, extensions of banking obligations are necessities, accepted as such, and invariably given to farmers without demur or question. Why should the disfigurement of the exception, who in all likelihood, if the circumstances were probed, had, owing to the necessities, accepted a statement of credit, or determination in defiance of advice to the contrary, placed himself in a difficult and dangerous position, either by deserving of consideration equal to that merited by his more prudent and businesslike neighbor or be made the test for a general denunciation of banking practices? In such a case where the man's crop is sadly short of satisfying his commitments, his creditors naturally are all clamoring for payment and nothing but shortightedness or business incompetence could prevent his bank from doing what it reasonably can to ensure that its claim is not neglected. As a general thing unless some pressure is brought to bear the Bank's loan is the last to receive any consideration. In common fairness, therefore, the Banks should not be blamed for unfortunate critics which invariably are not of their making and a distinction should in justice be drawn between deserving and undeserving cases.

As regards the charge that farmers have been under pressure to make impossible promises of payment and have been labelled as liars when not fulfilled, this is altogether unfounded. As a general thing unless some pressure is brought to bear the Bank's loan is the last to receive any consideration. In common fairness, therefore, the Banks should not be blamed for unfortunate critics which invariably are not of their making and a distinction should in justice be drawn between deserving and undeserving cases.

The "clean-up man" is also a creation of a fertile or prejudiced imagination. "Good Bank Managers, who by reason of humanity and fair dealing have built up good sound custom for their institutions," certainly are not removed and replaced as it has been claimed for exactly that cause. Such a practice would be nothing else than financial suicide. Bank Managers are no more perfect as a class than any other and there must of necessity be instances where through one cause or another they lose grip and run riot in their crediting. Naturally a number of the residents in any community so served unbecomingly and directed ideas of what constituted proper claims to credit. The unfortunate successor to such a type of Manager who endeavors to bring the misguided back to their senses, and incidentally his Branch business down to a sounder basis, naturally incurs some antipathy and ill-will, but no more is done in such cases than any one of the dissatisfied few would instruct to be done in connection with his own business, if he found it necessary to replace a responsible employee who had been lax in his crediting or otherwise failed in his trust.

Another charge sometimes made is that the banks withhold their support in times of financial stress, pestilence and hardship. Does it ever occur to the casual critic that the banks' available loan resources are regulated entirely by the extent of their deposits and also the state of liquidity of their existing loans? It is just at such times that the most severe drain is made upon deposits and that outstanding loans are most poorly met. It naturally follows, therefore, that on occasions of the kind there must be some curtailment in loans and that some available money as such is often unnecessarily expended for illegitimate and highly speculative business purposes. It can be honestly said, however, that even at such times the farmers suffer less and are subject to smaller inconvenience than any other class of business, and the importance of the banking system to the country is appreciated and the costs of growing and marketing it are invariably given a preference over other purposes no matter how deserving they are.

It would save a lot of misunderstanding if, as was pointed out last week, the similarity between a Bank and a public trusteeship were kept in mind. Each has the funds of others for investment and there is an obligation to be fulfilled to the actual owners of the money—which in the case of banks means the depositors as well as the borrowers.

No country in the world can boast of a better banking service than Canada, in none is credit more available to the deserving, and nowhere else do farmers get more generous assistance than they are accorded here. A moment's reflection upon the lamenable and disquieting uncertainty of the system in the United States where recently in one State alone—North Dakota—no less than 19 banks suspended payment practically as many days, provides a contrast which should in itself be irrefragable proof of the superiority of the Canadian system. The existing monetary stringency is not a localized affair but a world-wide condition, and Canada is fortunate, thanks largely to its banking system, in feeling it less than any other country.

Must Reduce Estimates

Estimates of Army and Navy Orders To Be Cut In Half

Estimates submitted by the army and navy department have been returned by Mr. Lloyd George as chairman of the cabinet's finance committee, and he has instructed the departments to reduce their figures by more than one-half, says the London Daily Mail.

Mr. Lloyd George has directed that the national expenditure for the coming year must be held as near £140,000,000 as possible, the news paper says.

Canada troops were involved in the first world war, both the Italians and the Dutch claiming the honor.

A man seldom wears his trousers out at the knee praying for work.

ECZEMA You are not alone in suffering from this skin disease. It is the most common skin ailment and is caused by a germ which attacks the skin. It is not contagious and is not a sign of weakness. It can be cured by the use of the "Eczema Cure" which is a powerful antiseptic and disinfectant. It is sold by all druggists and chemists.

Murdered

Put right out of business, a whole family of corn by Panama's Corn "Peanut" is used. A whole family of corn by Panama's Corn "Peanut" is used. A whole family of corn by Panama's Corn "Peanut" is used.

New York has a bird with has started on a successful film screen career. He is a cockatoo named Coco. His beautiful white feathers attracted the attention of the director of a large film company and now he has a job appearing in all scenes where birds are needed. He gets a good salary.

To Make Panama Canal Impregnable. The U.S. Navy has ordered the Panama Canal to be made impregnable by the construction of fortifications and sea coast defenses. Members of the committee are now actively engaged upon a plan to make the canal impregnable.

If men were compelled to bury their faults the undertakers would be compelled to work overtime.

PROMINENT WESTERNER.

NEW VICE - PRESIDENT

Union Bank of Canada
W. R. ALLAN, prominent Westerner, who has been elected Vice-President of the Union Bank of Canada, is a senior member of the firm of Allan, Kilham and McKay, Winnipeg General Brokerage and Steamship Agents. Mr. Allan is associated with Canadian Mortgage Association and the J. H. Sherrard Manufacturing Company. He is also a director of the Scottish Investment Debenture Company, Dominion Rubber System, Amos-Holmes McCroskey and Lake of the Woods Milling Co.

Like a Grip at the Throat. For disease that is not cleared as fatal there is probably none which causes more terrible suffering than asthma. It is impossible for the sufferer to come exhausted and finally, though the attack passes, is left in a disabling dread of its return. Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy is a reliable remedy. It immediately relieves the restricted air passages as they are "stuffed." It is sold by dealers everywhere.

Farms Not Interesting Unemployed.

A well-known Toronto physician advertised for a man to go to his brother's farm, about thirty miles from Toronto, to look after a thousand unemployed in Toronto, only twenty applied to the advertisement. He said he was not interested in applicants.

A SMILE IN EVERY DOSE OF BABY'S OWN TABLETS

Baby's Own Tablets are a regular give to the little ones—they never fail to make the cross baby happy. When baby is cross and fretful, if your baby is cross; if he cries a great deal and never gives you any attention day and night, give him a dose of Baby's Own Tablets. They are a mild, but thorough laxative which will quickly regulate the bowels and induce a healthy sleep. They are in every dose and simple to use. Baby's Own Tablets are sold by all druggists. A box of Baby's Own Tablets at 25 cents a box from Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Mennonites Leaving Canada.

States That Many Are Making Plans to Emigrate to Mississippi.

Mennonites of Canada, numbering over 16,000, are making final plans for migration from Canada to South-eastern Mississippi. The coming of spring will see the vanguard of the great movement leave the country.

H. A. Emerson, of Yellow Pine, Alabama, head of a large American land syndicate, has been in conference with H. M. Khassan, representing Manitoba Mennonite colonies, and an agreement for the purchase of 125,000 acres of land in Mississippi has been entered into. The price paid for the tract was \$18 per acre, fifty per cent. in cash and fifty per cent. in the balance to be paid in Canadian currency.

Emerson extended the Mennonites an option on another tract of land to land to expire March 1, 1921.

Grocers Used To Wonder

why some of their tea and coffee trade switched to

INSTANT POSTUM

Many of them understand now

They use Postum in their own families and find a big gain in health, and some economy, with no loss in satisfaction

"There's a Reason for Postum instead of coffee"

There's a reason for Postum instead of coffee

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Novel Trimmings on This Duvelyn Suit



By Gertrude Bercford.

A complete absence of trimming on one side of the coat, while the other is gaily adorned, is noticeable on some of the smartest modes this season. This suit, made of red velvet, a shade that is somewhat nearer rust than henna, shows how effective such a mode is. On the left side a silver brocade girdle lends a bright touch of color. This is further enhanced by pieces of grey drapery that are applied on the front. The bone buttons—colored like the suit and its trimmings—are shaped to match this interesting decoration. A suit used for the winter, trimming on coat. A satin hat completes the costume.

Moose Tracks

The Thrill That Comes When You First Come In Contact With Big Game.

Moose tracks in snow now! Dainty foot-prints of deer, curiously intermingled with trails of weasels in delicate tracery. Here and there, unmistakable "sign" of the lordly wapiti, Hunter's blood hounds. Big game!

Suddenly attention is fixed on a "one mouse trail not sixty minutes" old, leading obliquely into the wind. Following the tracks, one notices where the quarry has slipped and slid on outcroppings of smooth rock. Just ahead, he has passed to mingle from young saplings, leaving slender branches bent and broken. In thick clumps of brush it is not easy to identify the tracks. How does the trail, slithering through the tangle with that great antler-spread?

In a half-frozen muskrat, water has seeped into tracks and is freezing. His high routing stride has carried him over a big log among the dead-ends.

Emerging from a thicket, one steps cautiously upon dry twigs. Snap! The sound in the silence of the northland is like the report of a pistol.

There he is! See him raising his ungainly bulk in a grove of young balsam not two hundred yards ahead. Startled from his "snooze," mired in pine needles, leaving slender limbs, eye popping, nostrils wide, in hitches away with still-lie-gait, head-tilt for cover.

As if you are quick, and carry a good rifle, and don't get "buck fever," and keep cool and aim for a vital spot, and if you are lucky, you bring him down crashing like a ripe giant of the forest—The Beaver.

"It is up to the dumb student to lead drawing lessons."

The Lure of a Land

By the Sea

Visit the Pacific Coast This Winter and Enjoy Life in the Open.

After a hard summer of toil you are now reaping the fruits of your labor, and are prepared for a period of relaxation. Why not make it a period to rejuvenate, to prepare yourself for better work next summer. Enjoy a trip and new scenes; visit the Pacific Coast this winter, see Vancouver and Victoria, enjoy life in the open and return better equipped in mind and body.

The Canadian Pacific Railway operates two through transcontinental trains this direction a double daily service in each direction. Ask the agents today for full information.

Wealth Comes From Across the Border

Estimated That Total Will Reach \$18,225,520 For End of Last Year. The amount of wealth brought into Canada in the form of cash and settlers' effects by immigrants from the United States during the eleven months ending November 30, was \$17,519,033. If the record for December is equal to that for the year 1920 will be \$18,225,520. In 1919 the total wealth brought in by the 52,664 persons from across the border was \$18,419,406. If the December immigration equal that of last year, the total immigration this year will be 48,905. The average wealth of the immigrants per head for 1919 was \$353.76, and for the past year it will be a little greater, amounting to about \$372 per head.

Corns are painful growths. Holm's Corn Remover will remove them.

Montana Has Air Well

Air Has a Low Temperature and Is Used For Refrigeration.

Near Thompson Falls in Montana there exists a well whose issues a steady flow of air. During the hottest days of summer, it is reported the temperature of this curious well never rises above 35 degrees. The man owning this well has put it to a good use, for over it he has built a small refrigerating house in which to keep the food for family use. From the well to his store he has also laid a pipe and through some of the damp air of the well. The end of the pipe opens into a refrigerating room of the store, so that this man needs not to keep his perishable merchandise in the heat of condition always. It seems that the well is not a natural one, that it was dug for the purpose of getting water, but that when bottom was reached instead of water the air came forth with considerable force, sufficient to drive the water level lower of the temperature. The result is that the owner of the well can use both storerooms for taking care of goods that otherwise would be likely to freeze.

Minard's Liniment For Distemper.

Great Papyrus Find.

The "most important discovery ever made in Egypt" is announced at a meeting of the French Institute, by Professor Lacan. It was a great store of papyrus "cardinals" found underneath the temple of Dend-Ed-Dein on the western shores of Thebes. The translating of the inscriptions will take years and may lead to surprising literary and historical revelations.

He Couldn't Tell.

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Warning Issued. Col. Obed Smith, chief of the Canadian immigration office in London, has issued to the warships against emigration to Canada at the present time. He says he has for months past been using the soft pedal in this connection, and points out that those workers especially should not be advised to go to Canada now.

Minard's Liniment For Garget in Women.

General Pau tells of a French non-commissioned officer who was being examined on the subject of tactics.

"Give me an instance of strategy," was the question.

The soldier thought hard, then replied:

"When in battle you run out of ammunition, and don't want the enemy to know it, it is good strategy to keep on firing."

Quickly Conquers Constipation

Don't let constipation poison your blood and cut down your energy. If you're tired and nervous, don't worry. Get a box of Little Liver Pills today and you'll find a new world of health and vitality. For indigestion, lack of appetite, headache and blotchy skin nothing will equal Little Liver Pills. Small Pill—Small Dose—Small Price.

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Accept "California" Syrup of Figs only—look for the name California on the packages, then you are sure your child is having the best and most harmless physic for the little stomach, liver and bowels. Children love its fruity taste. Full directions on each bottle. You must say "California."

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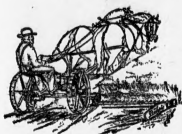
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THURSDAY, Jan. 13, 1921

The Rural Press

THE COMMUNITY ASPECT
OF A LIVE LOCAL
PAPER

If a town were to check up
its assets, chief among them
would be its newspaper. It is
the one valuable common pos-
session. It matters not so
much who owns the stock of
the publishing, or who occupies
the editorial chair, so long as
the people recognise it as a
public institution and have
due appreciation of what
it can mean to them. In a very
real sense a town and its peo-
ple may be judged by the kind
and quality of the paper that
is published in their centre. If
it is a live, energetic, foresight-
ed publication, the town will be
progressive and live. If the
paper is lifeless, dry and with-
out forward purpose, apart
from selling subscriptions and
advertising space, there will be
little or no progress and com-
munity spirit manifest.

No matter how efficient city
papers may be they can never
take the place of the country
weekly. There is a personality
and flavor about the home town
paper which cannot be furnish-
ed by any publication on earth.
To the people of the district
it is guide philosopher and
friend, and to those living away
from the old home centre, its
weekly coming is welcomed like
a message from an absent
friend.

It is the merchants' means of
communicating with their cus-
tomers. It is equally the buyers
shopping-place. The honesty
of the present day advertising
commends itself to the public,
and the home paper is becoming
more and more the medium
through which the purposes of
legitimate advertising is made
known. The time is close at
hand when, instead of the pub-
lisher having to solicit the mer-
chant to get advertising, ad-
vertising space in his paper will
be sought for by the merchant
as the one economic and practi-
cal means of reaching his buy-
ing public.

For the most part country
papers have done a real service
in fighting the battles of the
community they serve. They
see that the interests of the
small town and of the farm are
linked up together, and for the
most part they have been warm
supporters of the Modern Move-
ment to give the common peo-
ple a larger voice in the affairs
of the nation.

The rural newspaper is the
intimate friend of every citi-
zen; it knows everybody. It is
seen more than any one
single agency to bring unity
to the district. It makes
for that accomplishment with-
out which a town is inactive
and dormant. — The Grain
Growers' Guide.

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the game spoiled by dull stones?
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An Exaggeration

A Manitoba Free Press re-
porter gives himself a little
breeze on the "rainmaker"
question. According to this
authority a bunch of California
capitalists are selling stock to
start a rain company campaign
in Southern Alberta. This ar-
tist has it down to a simplified
system. A farmer needing rain
for his crop phones the rain-
maker. If the crop needs a
light shower he asks for a
few azure blue clouds. If a
bountiful moisture is needed,
heavy, dark clouds are specified,
and so on. If the need is ur-
gent the farmer adds P.D.Q. to
his message. Of course, the
Free Press reporter didn't say
exactly this, but then when a
yarn is started it is better to
finish it. We are a long way
from Winnipeg and distance
lends charm.

Last Sunday was Missionary
Sunday. A special collection
was taken for Missions in the
Union Church Sunday School
which amounted to \$23.00, this
has since been made up to \$25
by the generosity of various
friends. The Committee
thank all those who so readily
contributed to the cause. The
offering for Missions at the
evening service was \$16.00. Pre-
viously an offering of \$25 was
put on the plate, making a total
of \$41.00.

INCOME TAXES

Income tax payment must be
made by April 30—at least a
quarter of the tax must be
paid at that date, otherwise a
heavy penalty is the result.
This year farmers should re-
member that they are person-
ally liable and must send for
the forms themselves. The tax
is reckoned on the income of
the calendar year, January 1
to December 31. The first in-
stallment is payable on April 30,
and deferred payments on June
30, August 31 and October 31
with interest at 6 per cent.—EX.

ESTRAYED

Large Black Bear, white tip on face,
to Donald MacNab's farm, NW 21, 24,
1, w. 4, Friday, December 24. Owner
may recover same by paying costs and
proving property. 31

IN MEMORIAM

IN LOVING MEMORY OF JESSIE
ALEXINA MACKENZIE (nee) who
passed away at Clearfield, January
9th, 1920. "Lead Kindly Light,"
Remembered by Mother, brothers and
sisters.

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Empress School District, 3145
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Sat., Jan. 15th,

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Grain Prices

AT EMPRESS, Thursday, Jan. 13

Wheat No 1, Nor. 1.71	Track Wheat
Flax 1.65	Oats .36
Barley .60	Rye

A. McDairmid, left on Monday, for Calgary.

Mrs. J. H. Williamson, will be at home to her friends after February 1st, 1921.

Const. Paxton left on Wednesday for Jenner, on important business.

Mrs. Pybus returned on Tuesday night's train from Barons, Alta. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Herchman.

Mrs. J. G. Falcener, of Bindloss, who has been visiting at the Manor, during the past week returned home on Wednesday.

H. I. Swenson, who recently underwent a critical operation in the Swift Current hospital, was a visitor in town over Sunday on his way home. Mr. Swenson is regaining health rapidly and is looking optimistically forward to the spring.

J. E. Kirner, left on a visit to the States, Monday.

The local phones are expected to be ready for use a week from Friday.

Flood warning.—After January 15, all dogs in the village limits, without 1921 dog tags will be impounded.

Every Sunday sees a record attendance at the Union Church Sunday School. Last Sunday afternoon the number present totalled 140.

Everything selling regardless of cost or profits at Blodgett's Big Clearance Sale. Every day a Bargain Day for the balance of this month.

The L. O. Lodge No. 2702 will hold its monthly meeting on the night of Jan. 17. A degree team from Gabri will be present and the degree of Arch Purple will be put on. All Arch men of this district are requested to be present.

The Women's Missionary meeting will be held at the home of Miss Rowles, Wednesday, January 19. Miss Lydia Rivers will speak on Mission work among New Canadians. Mrs. L. Shannon will sing.

The annual school meeting will be held on Saturday, January 15, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon in the new schoolroom beside the post office. Election of one trustee to the board will also take place, also reading of financial statement, etc. R. M. Henderson, is the retiring trustee.

Two risks of embers from Oyen visited town on Tuesday. Four games were played; local rinks winning three of the four games. Fifty were present at the Banquet, which was held afterwards. Messrs. De Groot, Rosebury and Brodie furnished the music for the evening. A number of recitations and songs were given.

Buy Carefully—but Buy Right R. B. Evans, in "The Leader," Regina When the war cloud broke in 1914, business was paralyzed. For the moment the stock market, the nerves of industry to their very centre. The buying public instinctively ceased to buy, and stagnation threatened to poison the arteries of production and distribution. In the black emergency that followed ruin stood in its face. Factories closed, closing down the spectre of unemployment, privation and want stared in its grave.

Not for long, however. The national morale was quick to reassert itself, and responding to the "Business as usual" Canada due to the occasion. People gave themselves up to patriotic endeavor and an era of unexampled prosperity, if somewhat heavily tinged with the Canada's contributions of men, munitions and money during that trying period, will stand as one of the proudest achievements in our history.

Under the stimulus of war danger, a species of hysterical exuberance took possession of the buying public, and retail merchants were taxed to their utmost to supply the demand for every kind of luxury in which this spirit manifested itself.

Then comes the inevitable reaction. The unprecedented luxury to which the hectic demand for every kind of commodity had driven prices became the cure for the very disease it had caused, and prices which had galloped at the call of every whim closed with a snap. Back-

less buying was replaced almost overnight with rigid economy, and the swollen stream of commodities which had been flowing steadily from manufacturers through wholesaler and retailer to the consumer was dammed at the mouth with a vault always identical with that which threatened in August 1914.

Retailers have been left high and dry with expensive stocks. Wholesalers are swamped with commodities. Manufacturers are threatened with the alternative of continuing to produce against a host of demand or closing down their factories. Production is at a standstill and privation and want is again rearing its ugly head among the following classes.

In the meantime, the tremendous war debt which was incurred so freely, remains to be paid, and the place which Canada so proudly won among the nations has to be upheld.

Something must be done to get the wheels of industry to move once more. What is it?

In 1914, the clamor call to unity was, "Business as usual." In 1921, the slogan aimed against conditions arising from the absence of the inspiration of war danger, demand an amplification of the slogan, and the retail merchants of Saskatchewan are trying to supply this by posting in their stores, the banks, etc., force posts at the entrance to their towns, a card bearing the following message to the buying public: "Buy carefully—but BUY. We must keep Canada going. If we are to pay our war debt."

By this means they are endeavoring to convey to their customers the importance of keeping the machinery of production properly oiled.

One fact, however, needs to be stressed. . . . In the final analysis the consummate in reality, the manufacturers and distributors of everything that goes on the retailers' shelves, and as soon as they cease buying they also cease working. Industry may be idle but it is not idle in the sense that it helps to create. Store clerks, insurance agents, bankers, government employees—yes, even farmers are tied hand and foot to the industrial well-being of the country.

Miss Murphy returned on Saturday last from Calgary, where she spent her Christmas holidays.

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- Men's Heavy Wool Socks, reg. 1.60 65c
- Men's Pullover Sweaters, reg. 7.50 - 5-75
- Men's Work Shirts, reg. 3.50 to 4.50 - 3-00
- Men's Wool Underwear, 2 piece, regular, 2.25 each - 1-00
- Women's House Slippers, regular 3.50 2-50
- Boy's Knitted Tees, regular 2.25 - 1-50
- Boy's Pants odd lines regular 3.50 - 2-25
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- 2 Jars Soluble Coffee 1.00
- 10 lbs. White Beans 1.00
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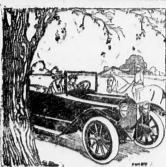
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